UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ALVARO C. GOMEZ,

Petitioner,

ORDER DISMISSING SECOND OR
SUCCESSIVE HABEAS CORPUS PETITION
AND DENYING CERTIFICATE OF
APPEALABILITY

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
ET AL.,

Respondents.

Before the Court is Petitioner's second attempt to challenge his 2007 state conviction and sentence. His first petition was denied on the merits in December 2010. (Gomez v. Allison, SA CV 09-1073-ODW (PJW), December 8, 2010 Order.) Petitioner did not apply for a certificate of appealability from that judgment.

Absent authorization from the Ninth Circuit, Petitioner may not bring another habeas petition challenging his 2007 conviction and sentence. See 28 U.S.C. § 2244; see also Burton v. Stewart, 549 U.S. 147, 157 (2007) (holding district court lacks jurisdiction to consider the merits of a second or successive petition absent prior authorization from the circuit court). For this reason, the Petition is dismissed.

The Court further finds that Petitioner has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right or that the court erred in its procedural ruling and, therefore, a certificate of appealability will not issue in this action. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b); Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336 (2003); Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). IT IS SO ORDERED.

OTIS D. WRICHT, II UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Presented by:

PATRICK J. WALSH

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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